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Sir:

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It is noted that the attached document, USP 6,476,424, is unavailable as a prior art reference in the present case since its U.S. filing date of February 7, 2000 is subsequent to the filing date of May 19, 1999 for Japanese priority document JPA 11-130945 of the present application. In accordance with the provisions of MPEP 201.15, a sworn translation of the priority document is being submitted on even date herewith to establish that the present application is entitled to the benefit

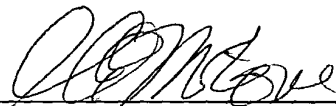
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It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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